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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET - AT A GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trade sentiment fully steady to firm on hens and 16-24 lb. toms. Demand was irregular for current shipments, fair to good for deferred shipments. Trading was heavy in the Central region on frozen packer label hens and toms for April and May shipments. Offerings of toms continue tight as many were used in further processing, supplies of hens were adequate. Trading was fairly active on destrapped tenderloins. Tom necks were slow to clear. Thigh meat attempted to settle as supplies were in a closer balance.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Inquiry improved into export channels, although actual trading was light.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **APRIL 06, 1999**

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/					FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	61-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	1040	JUN
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	61-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	640	JUN-AUG
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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EASTERN REGION 3/	61-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-62	60-62	61.96	2040	62.00	2000	MAY	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-64	62	62.00	80	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	61-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-64	64	64.00	2500	64.00	2500	MAY	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-64	63	63.00	80	-	-	-	-	-

YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 06 APRIL 1999.

Trading slow as the industry continues to recover from the long holiday weekend. Offerings of fresh tom breast meat available with a steady to barely steady undertone noted. Some increased confidence noted on frozen thigh meat. Trading light on open priced fresh thigh meat for current shipments. For export: fresh thigh meat (3 loads) 38 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	94.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	134.40	100
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	90.00	200
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	20.00		20.00	6
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		R	17.00	15
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	25.00-26.00		25.06	32
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		T	24.70	33
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN				
NECKS, TOM	20.00		20.00	24
NECKS, HEN	19.00		19.00	1
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	182.59	27
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		M	185.00	120
THIGH MEAT		F	36.00	120
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	43.49	89
BREAST TRIM MEAT				
SCAPULA MEAT				
TENDERLOINS		F	142.00	8
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	160.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	65.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	18.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		F	21.57	70
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	19.00		19.00	40
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		F	21.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	17.52	92
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	42.90	1,508

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted. 3/ Without tenderloins. 4/ Product contains 15-20% fat with skin added.

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	RANGE
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	77-87
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	77-92
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	66-67
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	67-68
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	71-75

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
TURKEYS Y HENS	82-89
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	79-89
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	79-89
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	82-89
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	88-103

YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 07 APRIL 1999.

Undertone steady to barely steady on fresh tom breast meat and frozen destrapped tenderloins, whole tenderloins steady to fully steady. Frozen thigh meat trade sentiment ranged from steady at best to fully steady with some offers still noted in the Midwest at 39 cents delivered. Some processors noticing improved fresh 15-20% skin added mechanically turkey and domestic thigh meat inquiry. For domestic: drummettes (1 load) 20, ground breast trim (1 load) 115, scapula (2 rail-cars) 114 (May) - 117 (July) cents delivered. For export: hen 2-joint wings (1 container) 37 cents delivered.

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BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	94.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	138.00		138.00	110
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	90.00	200
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	18.00		18.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		R	17.00	15
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		T	25.06	32
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	37.00		37.00	40
NECKS, TOM	17.00-18.00		17.33	120
NECKS, HEN		T	19.00	1
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	182.59	27
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	190.00-195.00		193.75	160
THIGH MEAT	39.00-42.00		41.06	128
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	43.49	89
BREAST TRIM MEAT				
SCAPULA MEAT	108.00		108.00	40
TENDERLOINS	140.00		140.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	155.00-160.00		155.56	360
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	68.00		68.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	18.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		F	21.57	70
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		T	19.00	40
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		F	21.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	17.52	92
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	41.00-42.00		41.46	147

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BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA		W/E 4/07/99	
POULTRY HEALTH BOARD		ACCUMULATED	
SEASON	HEAVY	HEAVY	ALL
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30	WHITE	WHITES	BREEDERS
1998-99	-	387,241	387,591
1997-98	30,861	397,682	397,932

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